

CALL TO ORDER

The January 18, 2022 regular meeting of the Whittier City Council was called to order at 7:01p.m. by Mayor Dickson.

OPENING CEREMONY

Council Member Dickason led the pledge of allegiance to the flag

ROLL CALL

There were present:

Dave Dickason presiding, and
Dan Blair Victor Shen Cathy McCord
David Pinqouch-*Arrived at 7:10pm*
Peter Denmark-Via Teams
Tom Wagner- Via Teams

Comprising a quorum of the Board; and
Absent

Also Present

Jim Hunt, City Manager- Via Teams
Jackie C. Wilde- Assistant City Manager
Kris Erchinger, Finance Director
Scott Korbe, Via Teams
Dave Borg, Harbormaster
Andre Achee, Police Chief

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING –

Jamie Loan-Inside City Limits- wanted council to know that she has put in her letter of intent for the open seat on Planning and Zoning

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Blair/Shen)

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Denmark requested for consent items resolutions 2022-001 and 2022-002 to be removed from consent

Motion Passed

Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. **Mayor Report---** Dickason gave a brief report. Asked for upcoming Planning and Zoning and Port and Harbor training in February and regular meetings in March. Welcomed back Naelene Matsumiya as the new City Clerk.
- B. **Vice Mayor Report- None**
- C. **City Manager Report-** Director Erchinger gave brief report regarding the work on the Buckner building grants. Erchinger thanked the clinic for supplying more home tests. City Manager's included, among other things, Finance Director report and the Water/Wastewater Manager Report.
- D. **City Attorney Report- None**
- E. **Commission/Committee Reports**
 - 1. Planning Commission
 - 2. Port & Harbor Commission
 - 3. Parks & Recreation Committee
 - 4. Whittier Community School
 - 5. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.
 - 6. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)- None

NEW BUSINESS

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2022-001 Temporarily authorizing the suspension and/or modification of various sections of the Whittier city code regarding public meetings and participation in order to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the Whittier community during a statewide high alert and local public health emergency resulting from covid-19

Denmark asked if the waivers listed in section 1 were also for the public. Wilde stated that it was for the council only. Pinqouch requested adding a new section 2 allowing citizens a way to participate if not comfortable to be in person for citizen comments.

Motion (Pinqouch/ Denmark)

Amendment adding a section 2 Allowing citizens not wishing to participate in person may request via email to the City Clerk to be called for citizen comments by email no later than noon prior to a meeting

Amendment Passed

AYES: Blair, McCord, Wagner, Shen,
Dickason, Denmark, Pinqouch
NOES: none

Motion (Blair/ Shen)

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Motion Passed (as amended)

AYES: Blair, McCord, Wagner, Shen, Dickason, Denmark, Pinqouch
NOES: none

Motion (Shen/Blair)

RESOLUTION 2022-001-Amending the City of Whittier's Calendar Year 2022 State Legislative Priorities

General discussion was given. Denmark asked administration what the changes were made.

Motion Passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, Wagner, McCord, Denmark, Dickason
NOES: Pinqouch

Motion (Blair/McCord)

RESOLUTION 2022-002-Amending the City of Whittier's Calendar Year 2022 City Legislative Priorities

General discussion was given. Denmark asked administration what the changes were made. Blair asked for an amendment to add restroom improvements.

Motion (Blair/ Shen)

Amendment Adding a number 4 to read Whittier Harbor Business District restroom infrastructure improvements

Motion Passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, Wagner, McCord, Denmark, Pinqouch, Dickason
NOES: None

Shen asked for an amendment to add City parks

Motion (Shen/ Blair)

Amendment Adding a number 5 to read Whittier Park infrastructure improvements

Motion Passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, Wagner, McCord,
Denmark, Pinqouch, Dickason
NOES: None

Motion (Blair/McCord)

**RESOLUTION 2022-002-Amending the
City of Whittier's Calendar Year 2022
City Legislative Priorities**

Motion Passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, Wagner, McCord,
Dickason
NOES: Denmark, Pinqouch

Motion (Blair/Pinqouch)

**RESOLUTION 2022-003-Approving
Emergency Repairs to The Oshkosh
Snowblower**

Motion Passed

Unanimous
AYES: Blair, Shen, Wagner, McCord,
Denmark, Pinqouch, Dickason

Other New Business Items

Discuss rescheduling February 15th meeting to February 22nd – meeting was rescheduled.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Scheduling an executive session to discuss Draft Lease with Huna Totem on February 14th at 5 pm

Motion Passed

Unanimous

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

November 2021 Financial Reports for the City of Whittier *Please see City Council packet which contains monthly Financial Statements*

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dave Dickason-None

Dan Blair- had code questions and will meet with administration to discuss

Victor Shen- None

David Pinqouch wanted to know why the mayor stated “WE” at the chamber presentation. Pinqouch stated that he was asked by many people on if the mayor was representing the council as a whole when speaking. Mayor responded with that when using the word “WE” as in the city of Whittier not the council has a whole. Pinqouch spoke about the public meeting and the head of the bay project.

Cathy McCord-None

Tom Wagner- None

Peter Denmark-Asked about the terms of the Princess lease.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Montgomery Irvin-Inside City Limits-gave kudos to Finance Director and Assistant City Manager. He is happy to see some progress with the city. He would like to the city to pursue changing our city to possibly a home rule city.

Kris Erchinger-Inside City Limits- speaking as a citizen. She requests that the council reach out to administration for questions so that they can help. she wanted citizens to know we hear you and are being transparent. Please don't immediately jump to the worst-case scenario lets work together.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion (Wagner/Blair)

TIME: 9:11 P.M.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Out of Executive Session

TIME: 11:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.


Jackie C. Wilde
Assistant City Manager- Acting Clerk


Dave Dickson
Mayor

(City Seal)